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Fairfax County Democratic Committee, Electoral Board and General Registrar Reach Agreement in Principle to Resolve Lawsuit

Concluding months of negotiations, the Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC), Fairfax County Electoral Board and Fairfax County General Registrar Cameron Quinn have reached an agreement in principle to resolve the outstanding issues from the November 2012 presidential election. Those issues led FCDC to file suit against the Electoral Board, General Registrar and State Board of Elections on Oct. 31, 2012. (*Fairfax County Democratic Committee v. Cameron P. Quinn, et al.*, Case No. 2012-16179, Fairfax County Circuit Court)

As part of the agreement, the Fairfax County Electoral Board passed a **Memorandum of Agreement accepted by all three local parties at its Oct. 11 meeting.**

"I am pleased that we could reach an agreement with FCDC that resolves this litigation at the local level," said Board Secretary Brian W. Schoeneman. "With this agreement, we can close the books on the 2012 election and continue to work together to ensure that the county's election process is fair, efficient and secure. This resolution would not have been possible without the support of the entire Electoral Board as well as the efforts over the last year of the general registrar and Office of Elections staff."

The agreement, which will be finalized after the Nov. 5 General Election and must be accepted by the Fairfax County Circuit Court, would resolve all of the local counts of the lawsuit filed by FCDC against the Electoral Board and the General Registrar. However, until the acceptance of the agreement by the Circuit Court, the litigation remains pending. It should be noted that the agreement in principle **does not affect the counts in the complaint against the Virginia State Board of Elections.**

Cesar del Aguila, chairman of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, said "We are gratified that the Fairfax Electoral Board has chosen to resolve so many of the issues that arose during the 2012 election, in time to improve the election experience for all Fairfax voters in 2013, especially for voters of ethnic and language minorities. Chairman Stark, Vice Chairman Hunt and Secretary Schoeneman of the Electoral Board are to be congratulated for their tireless determination on behalf of all Fairfax voters. The FCDC also commends its members, Marc Griedinger and John Farrell, for representing the Fairfax Democratic Committee and Fairfax's voters in resolving this litigation."

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